Leadership

Exodus 4:2 What is that in thine hand?

The unfitness of Moses for leadership, and the way God dealt with him.

All great works for God are accompilished by doing our best with what we have.

1. What is that in thy hand, Shamgar? An ox-goad.

2. What is that in thine hand, David? A sling.

3. What is that in thine hand, young follower of Christ? Nothing but 5 barley loaves and two small fish.

3. What is that in thine hand, poor iwidow? Only two mites, did you say? Give to God what you can give, and he will make more of it to you and the world and his kingdom than He can make out of the much that you think you would give had you a million.

5. What is that in thine hand, weeping woman? Just a small alabaster box of fragrant ointment.

6. What is that in thine hand, Dorcas. My needle. Sewing for God. Clothing the naked. Hospital bandages. Orphans cared for.

7. The lesson is exactly the same in every case. Luther answered the question with a piece of parchment.
Bunyon answered it with a pen. Pilgrim's Progress.
The farmer with only a few grains of seed.

The lever, the throttle which controls the engine.

Great things from small. Not the earthquakes and storms which accomplish the work in nature. But those silent and invisible forces. The soft, silent light, the invisible electricity
The quiet and gradual growth of things.

Divine Providence works the same way.
Not the great organized church, but the simple monk Luther that shook the world. Columbus made his discovery of the new world, not in a modern iron-clad vessel, but in a small craft. The founders of Xty were just fishermen. Christ himself was but a carpenter, a despised nazarene, crucified on the cross, but-"I, if I be lefted up, shall draw all men unto me."

Use your rod.

Rabinnical tradition of Moses as an excellent shepherd, who, with his rod, or shepherd s crook, rescued from a dangerous precipice a little lamb, whereupon God said, Let us make Moses shepherd of Israel!"

Just an humble trade? A modest business? Common talen

Do your best.

The Indian hunter in the Rocky Mts, shooting at a squir rel. Flies and gnats think on his face, but he never move d. When asked after he had shot the squirrel, he sai I never noticed them" His concentration on the main object had been so complete. Same with young man. The flies and temptations of bad habits never bother him if he has a definite purpose in life and is pursuing it.

The thing worth while.

"I cannot fiddle, said Themistocles, but I can ~~[illegible]~~ gr~~[illegible]~~ make a small town grow into a gre great city".

No man can do everything, but every man can learn to do well the one thing he can do and likes to do.